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TOWN OF BEDFORD

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BUNGED-UP HORSES . . . .

in very many cases are the result of carelessness or ignorance on the part of the owners—so the veterinarians say.

A horse steps on a nail, turns on a stone, trips over a stick, is bruised by a kick, horned by a cow, slips on the ice and cuts knees, cut on barbed wire, galled by harness, or is injured in any of the other everyday mishaps; and instead of

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with PERSIAN HOOF OINTMENT, or some other remedy equally as effective (which we have been unable to find), the owner washes off the injured parts and lets it go.

Now *don't* do that any more if you want sound horses. Take care of them, and have remedies at hand to meet emergencies. We keep all kinds of Horse Medicine, also everything for the relief of all ailments of Man or Beast.

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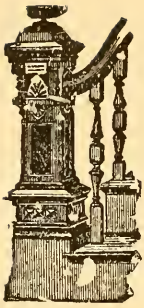

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OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer, and Town Clerk

OF THE

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TOGETHER WITH THE

Report of the School Board and Public Library Trustees

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 15, 1898.

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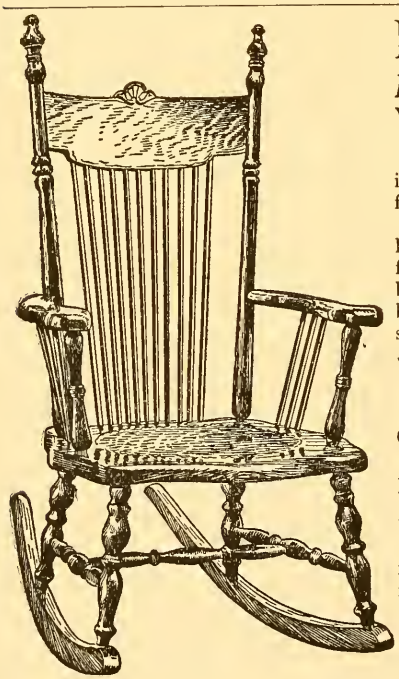

Business For 1899

MUST START WITH A RUSH . .

Wages have already advanced in the West. This advance will be followed by factories in the East.

As wages advance, prices will follow. We have bought more goods for the Spring season than ever before, and are offering startling bargains, and showing a larger assortment.

White Enamel Steel Beds, Brass Trimmed, any size . . . . $1.75 each

Complete Chamber Sets, ... $10.00

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And a complete stock of house-furnishings, including Baby Carriages. We want to show you and quote prices.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, in the County of Hillsborough in said State, Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house, in said town, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1st. To choose all necessary town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

2d. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools, for the maintenance of the poor, for the repair of roads and bridges, for Memorial Day, for lighting streets, and for any articles embraced in this warrant.

3d. To hear the report of agents, auditors, committees, and all other officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

4th. To see if the town will make any change in the method of repairing highways.

5th. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the public library, in addition to that required by law.

6th. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on taxes; if so, fix the time and rate.

7th. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the railroad tax for support of schools.

8th. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to hire money if needed.

9th. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for care of new cemetery.

10th. To see if the town will vote to accept the legacy of Mrs. Nancy Barr.

11th. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the road from the foot of hill above Mr. Melville Kilton's house to Boynton road.

12th. To see if the town will vote to purchase an iron watering-trough to be placed at the foot of Woodbury hill and raise and appropriate money for the same.

13th. To see if the town will vote to allow the Ladies' Social Circle the use of town hall for entertainments, free.

14th. To see if the town will vote to accept the work done on the Wiggin road and instruct the selectmen to lay out the same as a highway.

15th. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the old Wiggin road from main road to where it connects with new piece of road.

Given under our hand and seal the 25th day of February, A. D. 1899.

LYMAN M. KINSON,
GEORGE O. SPENCER,
JULIUS H. PUTNAM,
Selectmen of Bedford.

A true copy of warrant. Attest:

LYMAN M. KINSON,
GEORGE O. SPENCER,
JULIUS H. PUTNAM,
Selectmen of Bedford.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Quincy Barnard, in account with the town of Bedford for the year ending February 15, 1899:

Dr.

Received of treasurer of 1897	. .	$544.73
	Jasper P. George, taxes of 1895	16.46
	Jasper P. George, taxes of 1897	641.63
	Jasper P. George, interest on taxes of 1897 . .	26.26
	Newton I. Peaslee, taxes of 1898 . . .	8,157.27
	Newton I. Peaslee, interest on taxes of 1898 .	10.85
	Newton I. Peaslee, taxes not on list . . .	12.99
	Silas A. Riddle, cemetery lots	15.00
	selectmen, for advertising	40.00
	Silas A. Riddle, dog licenses	184.20
	selectmen, enumeration of children . . .	3.00
	selectmen, from county .	171.07
	Amoskeag Bank, interest on Chandler fund .	21.06
	state, insurance tax . .	50.25
	state, railroad tax . .	57.19
	state, savings bank tax .	1,578.95

Received of state, literary fund . .	$119.40	
George F. Barnard, trustee, cemetery lots .	44.00	
Silas A. Riddle, use town hall	48.00	
		$11,742.31

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Orders drawn, current year ending February 15, 1899	$5,239.14	
Paid Mary E. Manning, school treasurer	2,135.00	
Mary E. Manning, school treasurer, dog tax, 1897 . .	189.87	
Mary E. Manning, school treasurer, literary fund . .	119.40	
Mary E. Manning, school treasurer, railroad tax, 1897 . .	53.16	
county tax	1,670.02	
state tax	1,283.50	
Ervin R. French, interest on note to February 14, 1899 .	48.00	
Frank H. Barnard, interest on note to February 14, 1899 .	48.00	
Cash on hand	956.22	
		$11,742.31

Money received for dog licenses	$184.20
Chandler cemetery fund in Amoskeag Savings Bank	600.00
Barr cemetery fund in Amoskeag Savings Bank .	300.00

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN,

February 15, 1899.

LIABILITIES.

Ervin R. French, note . . .	$800.00	
Frank H. Barnard, note . . .	800.00	
Estimated town officers' salaries .	400.00	
		$2,000.00

ASSETS.

Due from collector, 1897 . . .	$45.81	
Due from collector, 1898 . . .	636.18	
Cash on hand	956.22	
		$1,638.21
Balance against the town, February 15, 1899		$361.79

All of which is respectfully submitted.

QUINCY BARNARD,
Town Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the town treasurer, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

WILLIAM M. PATTEN,
ALBERT L. FLINT,
Auditors.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES, 1897-1898.

Paid	John F. Gove, services as first selectman .	$80.25
	Lyman M. Kinson, services as second selectman	74.50
	George O. Spencer, services as third selectman	60.00
	Quincy Barnard, services as town treasurer	40.00
	Quincy Barnard, services as moderator school meeting	1.00
	Silas A. Riddle, services as town clerk .	50.00
	Silas A. Riddle, services as janitor of town hall	30.00
	Silas A. Riddle, returning vital statistics .	6.75
	Silas A. Riddle, obtaining names of children	1.00
	Thomas J. Wiggin, auditing school accounts	1.00
	James C. Gilman, auditing town accounts .	2.00
	William M. Patten, auditing town accounts	2.00
	William M. Patten, services as moderator .	3.00
	George E. Gault, services as constable for March	5.00
	Jasper P. George, services as tax collector for 1897	93.00
	James R. Leach, services as supervisor for spring election	8.30
	Jasper P. George, services as member of school board, from February 15, 1898, to September 17, 1898	30.00
	Thomas J. Wiggin, services as inspector of election	5.00

Paid	James E. French, services as inspector of fall election	$5.00
	John F. Young, services as fish and game warden	5.00
	W. H. Ryder, services as supervisor for spring election	4.00
	Winthrop Hoyt, services as special police for fall election	5.00
	Harry A. Shepard, supervisor for spring and fall elections	8.00
	Harry A. Shepard, check-list blanks . .	1.20
	Arthur W. Holbrook, member of board of health	5.00
	Thomas J. Wiggin, member of school board	45.00
	Mary E. Manning, member of school board and treasurer	40.00
	Fred F. Lane, services as supervisor for fall election	4.00
	William W. Darrah, fish and game warden .	5.00
	William W. Darrah, inspector of fall election	5.00
		$625.00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid	John B. Clarke Co., printing town reports .	$48.90
	Frank White, watching fire on Noyes lot .	5.25
	John F. Gove, stepladder for town hall .	2.00
	Mrs. Ephraim Fosher, cleaning town hall .	5.00
	Dr. Grant, returning births and deaths .	3.50
	George O. Spencer, collector's book . .	1.15
	John B. Clarke Co., printing dog posters .	1.04
	Thomas J. Wiggin, painting guideboards .	2.50
	Henry Lewis, for flags	3.80
	Silas A. Riddle, for dog license book . .	2.25
	Lyman M. Kinson, shingling hearse house and money paid out	7.12

Paid John F. Gove, 5½ M. shingles, hearse house	$17.87
George F. Shepard, 2⅛ cords slab wood .	10.00
Lyman M. Kinson, rope for town hall, scenery, stationery, and labor . . .	2.60
Alfred Jones, cleaning town house yard .	.75
Lyman M. Kinson, damage to wagon wheel	2.50
Clarence M. Edgerly, insurance on town house	100.00
George O. Spencer, paper, ink, and seals .	1.08
Lyman M. Kinson, boiler for town hall .	2.50
Charles P. Farley, blacksmith work . .	3.75
Nelson Fosher, use of watering-trough .	3.00
John H. Parkhurst, 3 cords wood for town	15.00
F. A. French, oil, chimneys, burners, and wicks	9.90
Dr. George M. Davis, returning births and deaths	.75
Dr. J. Taylor, returning births and deaths	4.50
Mary E. Manning, school supplies . .	105.20
Joseph S. Parkhurst, blacksmith work . .	2.10
	$364.01

CEMETERY EXPENSES.

Paid George F. Barnard, treasurer trustees .	$121.06
Harry A. Shepard, labor in Joppa cemetery	6.00
Lyman M. Kinson, labor in No. 2 and Old cemeteries	3.00
	$130.06

PUBLIC LIBRARY EXPENSES.

Paid Eddy W. Stevens, treasurer of trustees .	$125.60

PERSONS AIDED BY THE TOWN.

Paid Irving Fosher, board of Leonard Bursiel 52 weeks	$104.00

Paid	Lyman M. Kinson, underwear for Leonard Bursiel	$3.00
	Walter Campbell, drawers and socks for Leonard Bursiel	3.50
	Dr. J. Taylor, medical attendance on George Campbell	15.75
		$126.25

PERSONS AIDED BY THE COUNTY.

Paid	Lyman M. Kinson, aid to transient persons	$4.00
	F. A. French, goods furnished Albert Sawyer	6.52
	F. A. French, goods furnished Alex St. John	21.85
	F. A. French, goods furnished Paul Richards	14.20
	Dr. J. Taylor, call on P. C. Scruton . .	1.50
	Dr. J. Taylor, medical attendance on Mrs. Charles Latouch	9.50
	Dr. J. Taylor, 1 call on Mrs. Rubber . .	1.50
	Dr. J. Taylor, medical attendance on Mrs. Edmund Fosher, Jr.	10.00
	Dr. J. Taylor, medical attendance on Mrs. Albert Sawyer	23.00
	Dr. J. Taylor, medical attendance on Alex St. John	12.50
	Dr. J. Taylor, medical attendance on Ed Haddo	16.00
	Dr. J. Taylor, medical attendance on Paul Richards	41.10
	Dr. Grant, professional services on John Dearborn and Mrs. Oliver Ceroy . .	19.50
		$181.17

SCALES.

Paid	John B. Varick Co., set of scales . .	$165.00
	Head & Dowst, lumber for scales . . .	33.85
	Thomas A. Lane Co., 84 feet Akron pipe .	8.55

Paid Lyman M. Kinson, labor of man and team	$31.24
Joseph Emery, labor	13.25
Fred T. Corliss, labor	2.77
Fred A. French, 6 barrels cement . .	7.20
	$261.86

ABATEMENTS.

Edward E. Schneider, overtax	$9.76
Frank L. Dudley, not in town when bill delivered	1.32
Francis S. Simeon, not in town when bill delivered	1.32
Philip Squires, not in town when bill delivered .	1.32
C. N. Worden, not in town when bill delivered .	1.32
Fred Schwartz, not in town when bill delivered	1.32
Frank Roberts, removed from town . . .	1.32
Clarence Dooley, not of age	1.32
Frank Adams, not of age	1.32
Samuel P. Duncklee, over 70	1.32
Charles A. Walker, paid in Manchester . .	1.32
Fred Hebert, paid in Manchester . . .	1.32
Charles Tallman, paid in Manchester . . .	1.32
Paul Richards, dead	1.32
Addie D. Harris, overtax, 1897 and 1898 . .	3.66
Thomas Jones, overtax	1.98
Charles I. Parker, overtax	4.62
James H. Bartlett, overtax	.99
Samuel Badger, twice taxed	9.24
John Nichols, soldier	1.32
Dennis Morgan, soldier	1.32
Frank Wright, soldier	1.32
Newton I. Peaslee, discount on taxes . . .	304.75
	$356.12

TRUST FUNDS.

The Chandler fund is invested in the Amoskeag Savings Bank, and the interest is devoted to the care of the Center cemetery.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1898.

State tax	$1,283.50
County tax	1,670.02
Highway tax required by law	1,665.68
School tax	1,510.00
Extra school tax	500.00
Town library tax required by law	90.60
Extra town library tax	35.00
Town charges	800.00
Support of poor	200.00
Scales	150.00
Swett Hill	300.00
New cemetery	100.00
Centennial	75.00
Repairs of schoolhouses	75.00
Conveyance of pupils	50.00
Percentage	254.23
Overlaying	43.66
Total amount raised, 1898	$8,802.69

Total amount of orders drawn since March 9, 1898:

For town officers' salaries	$625.00
incidental expenses	364.01
snow bills, 1897	218.58
highways	2,412.78
breaking roads	437.71
cemetery expenses	130.06
library expenses	125.60
persons aided by the town	126.25
persons aided by the county	181.17
scales	261.86
abatements	51.37
discount on taxes	304.75
	$5,239.14

VALUATION.

Polls, 307	$30,700.00
Lands and buildings	489,605.00
Horses, 475	23,020.00
Cows, 1,011	28,580.00
Oxen, 8	385.00
Neat stock, 114	2,065.00
Sheep, 2	8.00
Hogs, 11	105.00
Fowls, 200	73.00
Carriages, 7	575.00
Money at interest	78,856.00
Stock in trade	8,450.00
Bank stock	1,150.00
Mills	1,600.00
Money in other corporations	1,200.00
	$666,372.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LYMAN M. KINSON,
GEORGE O. SPENCER,
JULIUS H. PUTNAM,
Selectmen of Bedford.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the selectmen and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

WILLIAM M. PATTEN,
ALBERT L. FLINT,
Auditors.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT.

SNOW BILLS FOR 1897.

Paid	Fred F. Lane, 8 days	$16.00
	Fred F. Lane, 7 days	14.00
	Ellery D. Campbell, man and team 1 day	4.00
	Ellery D. Campbell, man 1 day	1.50
	Reuben Adams, 1 day	1.50
	John Roby, 1 day	1.50
	George Livingston, man and team 1 day, 2 hours	4.80
	George Livingston, man 8 hours	1.20
	Perham Parker, 6 hours	.90
	Edward Haule, 3 hours	.45
	Edson Fields, 1 day, 1 hour	1.65
	William Morey, man and team 1 day, 5 hours	6.00
	Ernest Jenkins, 5½ hours	2.20
	George Tinker, 8 hours	1.20
	J. P. Buswell, 2 days, 4 hours	3.60
	Arthur Holbrook, man and team 5 hours	1.75
	Walter Gage, man and team 1 day	4.00
	Walter Gage, man 5 hours	.75
	Clinton French, man and team 5 hours	2.00
	Clinton French, man 2 days, 6 hours	3.98
	H. R. Fulton, man and team 1 day, 4 hours	2.24
	George F. Stewart, 5 hours	.75
	George A. King, man and team 2 days, 1 hour	8.40
	George A. King, 3 days, 9 hours	5.85
	George Skeetup, 3½ hours	.38

Paid H. L. Peaslee, 6 hours	$0.90
Frank Gilbert, man and team 8½ hours .	3.40
Frank Gilbert, man 2 days, 3 hours . .	3.45
Charles H. Gage, man and team 4 days, 1 hour	16.40
Charles H. Gage, man 6½ hours . . .	.98
James Sargent, 1 day, 2 hours . . .	1.80
James Sargent, man and team 6½ hours .	2.60
Harrison Campbell, man and team 1½ days	7.50
William McDole, ½ day	.75
Charles Tarbell, ½ day	.75
William Warren, ½ day	.75
J. G. Holbrook, man and team 6 hours .	2.40
D. W. Atwood, man 4 hours . . .	.60
I. S. Blake, 6 hours	.90
M. V. B. Kinne, 2½ hours	.50
W. Boynton, man and team 3 hours . .	1.50
J. G. Holbrook, man 2 hours . . .	.30
J. C. Rand, 2 days, 3 hours	3.45
J. C. Rand, paid out	7.69
W. S. Manning, 1 day	1.50
Seth P. Campbell, 1 day, 3⅓ hours . .	2.00
Charles Davis, 6½ hours	.98
G. L. Walch, 4 hours	.60
George Gault, man and team 7½ hours .	3.00
George Gault, 2 days 9½ hours . . .	4.43
George E. Gault, 2 men and team 1½ hours	.63
H. E. Webber, 1 day, 5 hours . . .	2.25
John Sargent, 8 hours	1.20
George Jenkins, 1 day, 3 hours . . .	1.95
George O. Spencer, man and team 5 hours	2.00
George O. Spencer, man 1 day, 3 hours .	1.95
Newton I. Peaslee, 3 hours	.45
Newton I. Peaslee, man and team 3 hours .	1.20
J. H. Parkhurst, 1 day, 2 hours . . .	1.80
J. E. Gault, man and team 5 hours . .	2.00

Paid	J. E. Gault, 2 men and team 4 hours	$2.20
	E. H. Taffe, 6 hours	.90
	Thomas Taffe, 1 day, 2 hours	1.80
	August Benedix, 6 days, 3 hours	9.45
	Thomas Barr, man and team 5 hours	2.00
	Thomas E. Barr, man and team 8 hours	3.20
	Thomas E. Barr, man and team, 4 hours	1.65
	Thomas Barr, man 8 hours	1.20
	B. W. Nichols, 3 hours	1.20
	B. W. Nichols, 1 day, 1 hour	1.65
	F. R. French, 3¾ hours	1.50
	James Rand, 1 day	1.50
	George Butterfield, 1 day, 8½ hours	2.77
	James Fullerton, 5 hours	.75
	M. B. George, 1 day, 5 hours	2.25
	J. L. Mitchell, 2 hours	.30
	J. F. Young, 2 hours	.30
	Paid W. A. Dunton, man and team	.50
	N. I. Peaslee	1.00
	Jake Rundlett	1.85
	L. M. Kinson	4.20
	J. P. Emery	1.25
		$218.58

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

APRIL.

Paid	Harrison Campbell, laying culvert	$4.50
	Fred F. Lane, 12 days	24.00
	Fred F. Lane, man 3 days	4.50
	Fred F. Lane, man and team 2 days	7.00
	Fred F. Lane, express on plow handle	.60
	Walter Gage, land for road gravel	25.00
	Recording deed	.75
	George O. Spencer, man and team 8 hours	2.80
	George O. Spencer, man 5 hours	.75
	F. F. Shaw, 5 hours	.75

Paid	George Tyler Co., road-machine repairs and plow	$35.25
	Mrs. Sharp, storing road-machine	2.50
		$108.40

MAY.

Paid	Fred F. Lane, 22 days	$44.00
	Fred F. Lane, 6 horses 16 days	144.00
	Fred F. Lane, man 20 days	30.00
	Fred F. Lane, man and team 3 days	10.50
	Stillman White, bolts and labor	.33
	Thomas A. Lane Co., 56 feet Akron pipe	14.28
	C. P. Farley, repairing road-machine	8.50
	C. P. Farley, blacksmithing	1.75
	Harrison Campbell, man and team 3 days, 2 hours	11.30
	Harrison Campbell, man 7 days, 5 hours	11.25
	Fred G. Holbrook, 3,158 ft. chestnut plank	56.84
	Fred G. Holbrook, 502 ft. hemlock plank	6.02
	Fred G. Holbrook, 64 chestnut posts	7.68
	Fred G. Holbrook, 408 ft. chestnut stringers for bridge	6.52
	John Welch, 19 days	28.50
	A. E. Campbell, 19 days	28.50
	William McDole, 18½ days	27.75
	W. C. Adams, 7 days	10.50
	C. P. Woodbury, 8 days	12.00
		$460.22

JUNE.

Paid	Fred F. Lane, 6 horses 25 days	$225.00
	Paid Fred F. Lane, 25 days	50.00
	Fred F. Lane, man 25 days	37.50
	John Welch, 25½ days	38.25
	A. E. Campbell, 25 days	37.50

Paid	William McDole, 25 days	$37.50
	C. P. Woodbury, 22 days	33.00
	W. C. Adams, drawing railing	.50
	W. C. Adams, 8 days	12.00
	Thomas Adams, 2 days	3.00
	James Sargent, ½ day	.75
	James Sargent, team	.95
	James Sargent, repairs on plow	1.84
	W. S. Manning, 2 men and team 2 days	10.00
	J. E. Esterbrooks, man and team 2 days, 9 hours	10.15
	J. E. Esterbrooks, man 2 days, 9 hours	4.35
	Fred G. Holbrook, posts and lumber for railing	53.74
	J. H. Putnam, man and team 1 day, 6 hours	5.60
	J. H. Putnam, man 3 days, 8 hours	5.70
	Leon H. Putnam, 2 days	3.00
	W. A. Dunton, man and team 1½ days	5.25
	Harvey Dunton, 6 hours	.90
	George S. Dunton, 1½ days	2.25
	George S. Dunton, 26 loads gravel	2.60
	Wingate Darrah, 10 loads gravel	1.00
	F. A. French, powder, oil, nails, and tools	10.64
	Lyman M. Kinson, man and team 2 days	7.00
	Joseph P. Emery, 2 days, 2 hours	3.30
	George A. King, man and team 2 days	7.00
	George A. King, man 3 days	4.50
	George A. King, 20 loads gravel	1.00
		$615.77

JULY.

Paid	Fred F. Lane, man and team 3 days	$10.50
	Fred F. Lane, man 3 days	4.50
	Fred F. Lane, 5 days	10.00
	Walter Gage, 2 men and team 2½ days	12.50

Paid	Walter Gage, 15 loads gravel . . .	$1.50
	F. R. French, man and team ½ day . .	1.75
	F. R. French, 6 loads gravel . . .	.60
	A. W. Holbrook, 3½ days	5.25
	J. E. Gault, 2 men and team 2 days . .	10.00
	Fred G. Holbrook, 3-inch chestnut plank	11.50
	Frank S. Crowell, 7 men 2 days . . .	17.50
	Frank S. Crowell, 6 men 1 day . . .	7.50
	Frank S. Crowell, 2 teams 3 days . .	21.00
	E. B. Hull, 162 loads gravel . . .	16.20
		$130.30

AUGUST.

Paid	Fred F. Lane, 6 horses 13 days . . .	$117.00
	Fred F. Lane, man 13 days . . .	19.50
	Fred F. Lane, 12 days	24.00
	Fred F. Lane, man and team 1½ days .	5.25
	John Hadlock, castings for road-machine	8.50
	C. P. Woodbury, 15 days	22.50
	A. E. Campbell, 13 days	19.50
	William McDole, 19 days	28.50
	Clinton French, man and team 5 days .	7.50
	Clinton French, man 5 days . . .	7.50
	John B. Varick Co., potato hooks . .	1.50
	Thomas A. Lane Co., Akron pipe . .	12.72
	George Shepard, plank and labor . .	.60
	Thomas E. Barr, 2 men and team 6½ days .	32.50
	Fred A. French, powder, oil, fuse, and shovels	2.86
Overdrawn	. . . . .	14.00
		$333.93

SEPTEMBER.

Paid	Fred F. Lane, man and team 2 days . .	$7.00
	Fred F. Lane, man 4 days	6.00

Paid	Fred F. Lane, 5 days	$10.00
	Henry Stearns, 2 men and team 2 days .	10.00
	Hadley Fullerton, man 1¾ days . . .	2.62
	George Butterfield, man and team 3 days, 3 hours	8.38
	George Butterfield, man 2 days, 4 hours .	3.60
	James Fullerton, man and team 2 days .	7.00
	James Fullerton, man 2½ days . . .	3.75
	James Fullerton, 45 loads gravel . .	4.50
	Herbert Fosher, 3 days	4.50
	A. R. Mack, man and team 4 days, 4 hours	15.40
	P. Matott, 4 days, 1 hour	6.15
	George Smith, 4 days	6.00
	John Rouse, 4½ days	6.75
	T. Artz, 4 days . . . . , . .	6.00
	A. R. Mack and man ½ day . . .	1.50
	Farnham Jenkins, repairing culvert . .	5.00
	Farnham Jenkins, 1 man 2 days . . .	3.00
	George O. Spencer, 2 men 1 day . . .	3.00
	George O. Spencer, 2 men with team 1 day	5.00
		$125.15

NOVEMBER.

Paid	Fred F. Lane, man and team 4 days . .	$14.00
	Fred F. Lane, man 6 days	9.00
	Fred F. Lane, 6 days	12.00
	John Rouse, man and team 4 hours . .	1.40
	John Rouse, covering stone . . .	1.00
	John Rouse, man 4 days	6.00
	William McDole, 4 days	6.00
	Charles E. Bursiel, 2 men and team 2 days	10.00
	Arthur W. Holbrook, man, horse, and boy 9 hours	3.00
	Thomas A. Lane Co., 164 ft. Akron pipe .	22.14
	Thomas A. Lane Co., 1 curve . . .	.54

Paid	Thomas A. Lane Co., 2 ft. 15 in. Akron pipe	$0.75
	Fred G. Holbrook, 720 ft. hemlock rail	8.64
	Fred G. Holbrook, 35 chestnut posts	3.50
	J. H. Putnam, man and team 8 hours	2.80
	J. H. Putnam, cleaning culvert	.75
	J. H. Putnam, man and horse 4 hours	1.00
	J. H. Putnam, man 36 hours	5.40
	J. H. Putnam, plank	.25
	W. A. Dunton, man and team 4 hours	1.40
	W. A. Dunton, man 6 hours	.90
	Leroy Mitchell, 2 days, 1 hour	3.15
	F. A. French, shovels and nails	1.50
	William Boynton	12.50
		$127.62

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid	Fred F. Lane, man and team 2 days	$8.00
	J. E. French	7.00
	Heselton Bros.	4.50
	J. E. Gault, man and team 2 days, 3 hours	9.20
	L. M. Kinson, man and team 2 days, 3 hours	9.20
	Joseph Emery, 1½ days	2.25
	Fred T. Corliss, 1 day, 2 hours	1.80
	J. H. Putnam, man and team 2 days, 2 hours	8.80
	L. H. Putnam, 6 hours	.90
	George A. Dunton, 1 day, 6 hours	2.51
	Harvey Dunton, 1 day, 2½ hours	1.88
	J. H. Putnam, man 2 days, 5½ hours	3.82
	O. L. Frachure, 5 hours	.75
	John F. Young, 2½ hours	.38
	Leroy Mitchell, 2½ hours	.38
	F. E. French, 8 hours	1.20
	A. S. Calef, 3½ hours	.53
	J. G. Holbrook, man and team 3½ hours	11.80
	D. W. Atwood	12.50

Paid	Wilmot Clapp	$3.61
	C. E. Bursiel	1.20
	I. S. Blake	4.42
	W. Hoyt	1.50
	William Boynton	7.30
	M. V. B. Kinne	2.55
	Charles Campbell	3.75
	Arthur E. Campbell	2.10
	George F. Barnard	40.89
	George E. Gault, man and team 3 days, 1 hour	12.60
	George E. Gault, man 2 days, 8 hours	3.08
	Seth P. Campbell, 4 days, 9 hours	7.35
	J. H. Putnam, man and team 7½ hours	3.00
	J. H. Putnam, man 2 days, 8 hours	3.08
	J. E. Esterbrooks, man and team 3 days, 1 hour	12.40
	J. E. Esterbrooks, man 3 days, 4 hours	5.10
	George O. Spencer	17.35
	George O. Spencer, man	2.30
	Ira Barr	10.50
	Arthur W. Holbrook	7.00
	J. H. Putnam	9.20
	L. M. Kinson, 2 days	8.00
	J. E. Gault, 1 day, 8½ hours	7.40
	Heselton Bros., 3 days	4.50
	Alex Brooks, 1 day	1.50
	Henry Wallace, 8 hours	1.20
	George F. Barnard	12.75
	Arthur E. Campbell	5.40
	John Welch	3.50
	Edmund Fosher	.75
	Horace Campbell	5.95
	A. B. Campbell, 1 day, 1 hour	1.65
	A. J. Campbell, 1 day, 1 hour	1.65
	John Stock, 1 day, 1 hour	1.65

Paid	R. G. Adams, 1 day, 6 hours	$2.40
	Thomas Adams, 1 day, 2 hours	1.80
	H. S. Campbell, 1 day, 2 hours	1.80
	A. M. Jenness	3.15
	S. Manning	16.11
	Harry A. Shepard	2.47
	F. E. Manning	3.75
	E. J. Campbell	12.85
	Harrison Campbell	41.10
	Newton I. Peaslee	8.74
	Thomas E. Barr	17.00
	Jake Rundlett	2.00
	George Tinker	4.50
	William A. Hatch	3.15
	Jerome B. Hatch	2.25
	John M. Sargent	1.58
	James W. Sargent	5.96
	W. W. Darrah	2.40
		$437.71

SWETT HILL.

Fred F. Lane, labor and money paid out:

Paid	Fred F. Lane, 2 teams 7 days	$49.00
	Fred F. Lane, 1 team 10 days	35.00
	Fred F. Lane, 14 days	28.00
	John Welch, 3 days	4.50
	Fred Welch, 2 days	1.00
	John B. Varick Co., 2 plow points	2.00
	George H. Gault, 15¼ days	22.80
	Alfred Jones, 9 days	13.50
	McLean Woodbury, 7 days	10.50
	Charles H. Tarbell, 15½ days	23.23
	Thomas A. Lane Co., 140 ft. Akron pipe	19.44
	Harrison Campbell, man and team 12¼ days	61.25
	Harrison Campbell, 2 men 4 days	12.00

Paid	William McDole, 18 days	$27.00
	Arthur Gault, 11 days	16.50
	Horace E. Webber, 11 days	16.50
	J. S. Parkhurst, blacksmithing	.30
	Fred G. Holbrook, 484 ft. chestnut rail	8.71
	Fred G. Holbrook, 44 chestnut posts	3.35
	repairing plow and castings	2.00
	T. A. Lane, 170 loads gravel	17.00
	Quincy Barnard, 1 day	1.50
	F. A. French, oil, spikes, and lanterns	2.54
	M. B. George, 10½ days	15.75
		$393.39

WIGGIN ROAD.

Paid	Fred F. Lane, 5 days	$10.00
	George H. Gault, 6 days	9.00
	Charles H. Tarbell, 10 days	15.00
	Albert Sawyer, 11 days	16.50
	Harrison Campbell, man and team 9 days	31.50
	Harrison Campbell, man 3 days	4.50
	Harrison Campbell, horse	1.00
	George Wiggin Co., man 10 days	15.00
	George Wiggin Co., team 2 days	7.00
	T. A. Lane Co., Akron pipe	2.97
	F. A. French, powder and fuse	4.75
		$117.22
Total for highways and bridges		$2,412.78
Total for breaking roads		437.71
Snow bills, 1897		218.58
Total for year ending February 15, 1899		$3,069.07

FRED F. LANE,
Road Agent.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

For the Year ending February 15, 1899.

At the annual district meeting of 1898 Thomas J. Wiggin was elected a member of the school board for three years.

At the organization of the board, Jasper P. George was elected president and purchasing agent and Thomas J. Wiggin secretary.

On September 17, 1898, Jasper P. George tendered his resignation as a member of the school board, he having removed from town, and William M. Patten was appointed to serve the balance of the term which expires at the time of the annual district meeting in March, 1899, and William M. Patten was elected president, the position held by Jasper P. George.

The district was divided into three sub-districts as heretofore for special supervision and furnishing needed supplies to the several schools.

The usual thirty weeks' tuition has been furnished each school during the year except in No. 4 division, where circumstances were such as to warrant the closing of the school two weeks sooner than the others at the winter term, therefore No. 4 will be entitled to two weeks extra during the coming year. In No. 6 the same conditions existed as during the last two terms of the previous year, and no school has been maintained there during the year, and tuition has been furnished elsewhere to the few pupils residing there.

At the present time we have schools which we think can be maintained to far greater advantage to all concerned by consolidation than by maintaining schools where scholars are too few to make the school interesting.

We have been quite fortunate in retaining the past year, with few exceptions, the efficient and experienced teachers of the previous year.

We regret exceedingly that we were compelled to dispense with the services of Miss Mary E. Crowell in No. 4 for the winter term, as it is by no means an easy task to secure a teacher that will fill the place as satisfactorily.

The school registers show that seven pupils have not been absent or tardy during the year. They are Fannie B. Kinson, Nellie Murphy, William Murphy, Charles E. Porter, Malcolm E. Hoyt, Chester M. Holbrook, and Harold A. Holbrook. The scholarship report cards have been in use throughout the year, we think with very good results in creating an ambition to reach the highest possible standing in scholarship and deportment.

The amount of money appropriated for repairs has been nearly all carefully expended, and we find the houses at this time in fairly good repair.

We have this year procured three United States maps, so at this time all the schoolhouses are supplied with those maps. The system of vertical penmanship has been continued and very favorable results have been obtained, all the pupils seeming to adapt themselves very readily to the new, and we are of the opinion better, style of writing.

The school machinery has not run perfectly smooth during the past year, but perhaps as much so as the average. We see no good reason why more harmony might not prevail by mutual unselfish endeavor and forbearance by all concerned in the best interest of our schools.

FINANCES.

The treasurer presents the following summary statement:

Whole amount paid teachers . .	$1,863.60	
Whole amount paid for fuel . .	102.63	
Whole amount paid for miscellaneous bills	472.97	
Whole amount paid for repairs . .	64.47	
Whole amount expended		$2,503.67
Balance on hand February 15, 1899 . . .		161.12
		$2,664.79

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Received from town treasurer, whole amount	$2,497.43	
Balance on hand February 15, 1898 .	167.36	
		$2,664.79

We would recommend that the district raise $600 extra school money for the coming year.

We present the roll of honor, rank of scholarship, and table of statistics on the following pages.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM M. PATTEN,
MARY E. MANNING,
THOMAS J. WIGGIN,
School Board of Bedford, N. H.

RANK OF SCHOLARSHIP.

Below will be found the names of such pupils as have attained the rank of "Excellent," or 90 per cent or more, as an average in all their studies:

DURING THE YEAR.

Leon F. French, William Murphy, Sarah J. Welch, Lucy F. Fosher, Sadie M. Nichols, Bessie E. Smith, Sylvanus C. Campbell, William Currie, Eddie C. Webber, Nellie Murphy, Martha F. McDole, Fannie B. Kinson, Andrew J. Welch, Frank S. Farley, Louis A. Welch, Merton L. Campbell, Paul E. W. Lindsay, Clarence Fosher, George Currie, Maggie A. Morley, Clara M. Blood, Abbie J. Burns, Bessie L. Gage, Celia E. Gage, Rhoda J. Parker, Emma A. Poehlman, Eva K. Poehlman, Gertrude F. Poehlman, Augusta F. Poehlman, Alice E. Wiggin, Charlotte M. Wiggin, George S. Blood, C. Harry Gage, Albert F. Poehlman, Ralph M. Wiggin, Frank J. Darrah, Willie H. Brent, Mary Gamache, Eva B. Lavoie, Cora Lavoie,

Emma E. Brickett, Maud C. Connors, Alice M. Gamache, Anna M. Lawrence, Eva A. Lawrence, Ora M. Lawrence, Fred Menard, Alice M. Pepin, Annie L. Pepin, Mary R. Taffe, Parker Bailey, Frank A. Buswell, Edmund Connors, August Gamache, Joseph Gamache, Rosario Gamache, Willie Gamache, Arthur P. Hall, William D. Hall, Rosy Menard, Henry L. Murray, James Murray, Matthew Murray, Edward L. Pepin, Charles E. Porter, Gordon A. Porter, Alexander Taylor, Ethel L. Mack, Bertha E. Ferguson, Martha J. French, Flora M. Heselton, Charlotte E. Huskie, Katie J. Huskie, Mary V. Monte, George R. Avery, Harry Burbank, Elmer Esterbrooks, Harry N. French, Daniel E. Huskie, Malcolm E. Hoyt, Benjamin W. Signor, Hercules R. Signor, Oscar Welch, Rodney Fosher, Henry Welch, Perley M. Signor, Achsah Foster, Susie B. Foster, Nellie G. Fosher, Jennie M. Thompson, Winfred J. French, Willard M. White, Mary E. Balmforth, Fred E. Campbell, Chester M. Holbrook, John G. Balmforth, Ruth H. Balmforth, Harold A. Holbrook, Annie Balmforth, Ivy Balmforth, Edith P. Atwood, Etta M. Adams, Alma L. Campbell, Emma M. Cotton, Eva A. Field, H. Louise Perry, Delmer M. Marion, Cora M. Marion, Ernest H. Field, C. Lewis Stowell, Wayland F. Walsh, Elizabeth M. Sargent, Estella G. Schwartz, Clarence W. Emerson, Waldo M. Hodgman, Harry W. Peaslee, Charles W. Schwartz.

ROLL OF HONOR.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE.—ONE TERM.

Fannie B. Kinson, Martha McDole, Nellie Murphy, Marcia W. Nichols, Bessie Smith, Frank S. Farley, Ephraim V. Fosher, Leon N. Fosher, Harry Fosher, Clarence Fosher, Earl Lindsay, William Murphy, Clara M. Blood, Mazy Quimby, Alice E. Wiggin, William B. Gamache, Alice M. Gamache, Anna M. Lawrence, Alice M. Pepin, Edward L. Pepin, Charles E. Porter, Mary R. Taffe, Nellie Corliss, Bertha E. Ferguson, Flora L. Heselton, Harry N. French, Malcolm E. Hoyt, Hercules R. Signor, Benjamin W. Signor, Perley M. Signor, Rodney

Fosher, Oscar Welch, Andrew J. Welch, Louis A. Welch, Nellie G. Fosher, Susie B. Foster, Jennie Welch, Winfred J. French, Chester M. Holbrook, Harold A. Holbrook, Wayland F. Walsh, Arthur E. Field, Arthur N. Hodgman, Eva A. Lawrence, Rosy Menard, Henry L. Murray, Gordon A. Porter, Katie J. Huskie, Harry Sherwood, George S. Blood, Arthur J. Darrah, Frank A. Buswell, Abbie J. Burns, Eva K. Poehlman, Ralph M. Wiggin, Sara A. Hodgman, Waldo M. Hodgman, Charles W. Schwartz, Merton L. Campbell, Sadie M. Nichols, Charles S. Peabody, Mary E. Balmforth, Annie Balmforth, Fred E. Campbell, Emma M. Cotton, C. Lewis Stowell, Arthur Lawrence, Ora M. Lawrence.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE.—TWO TERMS.

Sarah J. Welch, Frank S. Farley, Earl Lindsay, Harry Fosher, Clarence Fosher, Andrew J. Welch, Louis A. Welch, Anna M. Lawrence, Ora M. Lawrence, Harry N. French, Rodney Fosher, Jennie Welch, Nellie G. Fosher, Susie B. Foster, Perley M. Signor, Wayland F. Walsh, Waldo M. Hodgman.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE.—THREE TERMS, THE YEAR.

Fannie B. Kinson, Nellie Murphy, William Murphy, Charles E. Porter, Malcolm E. Hoyt, Chester M. Holbrook, Harold A. Holbrook.

STATISTICAL.

No. of division.	Terms.	Teachers.	Wages per month.	Length of term in weeks.	No. of scholars.	Average daily attendance.	Per cent of attendance.	No. in reading and spelling.	No. in penmanship.	No. in arithmetic.	No. in geography.	No. in grammar.	No. in history.	No. in composition.	No. in physiology.	No. in bookkeeping.	No. in algebra.	No. in music.	No. in drawing.
1	Spring .	Bertha E. Parkhurst.....	$32.00	10	33	29	96.66	33	33	33	33	15	15	28	..	..	..	33	33
	Fall	Jenny H. Woodbury.....	32.00	11	29	24	96.00	26	26	26	19	8	8	20	..	..	..	24	24
	Winter .	Jenny H. Woodbury.....	32.00	9	25	21	87.50	25	24	24	17	17	14	17	..	..	..	20	21
2	Spring .	Annie R. Morison.....	28.00	10	19	16	92.85	19	18	18	11	11	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Fall	Evelyn A. Stevens.....	28.00	11	19	18	94.73	19	15	14	14	10	4	14	..	..	..	19	..
	Winter .	Evelyn A. Stevens.....	28.00	9	17	14	87.50	17	15	13	12	8	1	..	1	..	..	17	..
3	Spring .	C. Josephine Ayer.....	28 00	10	23	20	90.91	23	23	23	12	9	5	9	5	..	..	23	..
	Fall	Annie R. Morison.....	28.00	11	29	20	87.50	29	29	29	11	11	3	5	..	1	..	..	..
	Winter .	Annie R. Morison.....	28.00	9	22	14	87.50	22	22	22	11	11	3	4	..	..	..	..	..
4	Spring .	Mary E. Crowell	30.00	10	29	26	92.86	29	29	29	15	15	16	15	..	..	..	29	..
	Fall	Mary E. Crowell	30.00	11	28	24	96.00	28	28	28	28	17	17	17	..	..	..	28	..
	Winter .	Jessie E. Patten.....	30.00	7	29	17	86.00	26	26	26	26	13	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
5	Spring .	Evelyn A. Stevens.....	26.00	10	17	12	80.00	17	17	17	14	8	2	8	..	..	2	17	..
	Fall	C. Josephine Ayer.....	26 00	11	21	17	85.00	21	21	19	13	10	8	10	5	..	..	..	..
	Winter .	C. Josephine Ayer.....	28.00	9	16	11	78 57	16	16	15	15	13	8	13	5	..	..	..	..
7	Spring .	Jenny H. Woodbury.....	30.00	10	18	15	100.00	18	18	18	12	4	8	8	4	..	..	18	..
	Fall	Gyrta Bartlett.....	28.00	11	20	11	91.66	20	20	16	12	6	10	4	4	..	..	20	20
	Winter .	Dora D. Holbrook.....	28.00	9	17	14	87.50	17	17	14	14	12	7	4	..	..	..	17	..
8	Spring	Gerda L. Huntoon.....	26.00	10	6	6	100.00	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	1	..	..	6	..
	Fall	Gerda L. Huntoon.....	26.00	11	9	7	87.50	9	9	9	8	6	5	7	1	..	..	9	..
	Winter .	Gerda L. Huntoon	26.00	9	10	9	90.00	10	10	10	9	7	6	9	1	..	..	10	9
9	Spring .	Mary E. Manning	26.00	10	10	9	97.82	10	10	10	10	7	1	7	..	..	..	10	10
	Fall	Mary E. Manning.....	26.00	11	13	10	90.91	13	13	13	7	6	1	6	..	..	.	13	..
	Winter .	Mary E. Manning.....	26.00	9	12	9	90.90	10	10	10	8	7	6	7	..	..	..	10	..
10	Spring .	Julia L. Langdell	26.00	10	8	7	98.70	8	8	8	3	6	3	6	.	..	2	8	..
	Fall	Julia L. Langdell	26.00	11	7	6	97.22	7	7	7	6	4	4	4	..	..	..	7	7
	Winter .	Abbie C. Sargent	24.00	9	6	5	83.33	6	6	6	5	3	3	3	..	..	..	..	..

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL BOARD,

For Year ending February 15, 1899.

TEACHERS' SALARIES, SPRING TERM.

Paid Bertha E. Parkhurst,	No.	1	school,	10 weeks,	$80.00
Annie R. Morison,	No.	2	school,	9⅘ weeks,	68.60
C. Josephine Ayer,	No.	3	school,	10 weeks,	70.00
Mary E. Crowell,	No.	4	school,	10 weeks,	75.00
Evelyn A. Stevens,	No.	5	school,	10 weeks,	65.00
Jenny H. Woodbury,	No.	7	school,	10 weeks,	75.00
Gerda L. Huntoon,	No.	8	school,	10 weeks,	65.00
Mary E. Manning,	No.	9	school,	10 weeks,	65.00
Julia L. Langdell,	No.	10	school,	10 weeks,	65.00
					$628.60

TEACHERS' SALARIES, FALL TERM.

Paid Jenny H. Woodbury,	No.	1	school,	11 weeks,	$88.00
Evelyn A. Stevens,	No.	2	school,	11 weeks,	77.00
Annie R. Morison,	No.	3	school,	11 weeks,	77.00
Mary E. Crowell,	No.	4	school,	11 weeks,	82.50
C. Josephine Ayer,	No.	5	school,	11 weeks,	71.50
Gyrta Bartlett,	No.	7	school,	11 weeks,	77.00
Gerda L. Huntoon,	No.	8	school,	11 weeks,	71.50
Mary E. Manning,	No.	9	school,	11 weeks,	71.50
Julia L. Langdell,	No.	10	school,	11 weeks,	71.50
					$687.50

TEACHERS' SALARIES, WINTER TERM.

Paid Jenny H. Woodbury,	No.	1	school,	9 weeks,	$72.00
Evelyn A. Stevens,	No.	2	school,	9 weeks,	63.00
Annie R. Morison,	No.	3	school,	9 weeks,	63.00
Jessie E. Patten,	No.	4	school,	7 weeks,	52.50
C. Josephine Ayer,	No.	5	school,	9 weeks,	63.00
Dora D. Holbrook,	No.	7	school,	9 weeks,	63.00
Gerda L. Huntoon,	No.	8	school,	9 weeks,	58.50

Paid Mary E. Manning,	No. 9 school, 9 weeks,	$58.50
Abbie C. Sargent,	No. 10 school, 9 weeks,	54.00
		$547.50

FUEL.

Paid for fuel,	No. 1 school	$15.13
	No. 2 school	12.00
	No. 3 school	11.25
	No. 4 school	9.50
	No. 5 school	12.25
	No. 7 school	13.50
	No. 8 school	9.50
	No. 9 school	12.50
	No. 10 school	7.00
		$102.63

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid for cleaning schoolhouses	$19.00
conveyance of pupils to No. 9, spring term, 10 weeks	52.00
conveyance of pupils to No. 9, fall term, 11 weeks	47.70
conveyance of pupils to No. 9, winter term, 9 weeks	42.75
conveyance of pupils to No. 3, spring term, 10 weeks	30.00
conveyance of pupils to No. 3, fall term, 10 weeks	30.00
conveyance of pupils to No. 3, winter term, 9 weeks	40.00
conveyance of P. J. Livingston to No. 7, spring term, 7 weeks	4.55
conveyance of Thirza M. Wessel to No. 1, spring term, 16 days	2.08
janitors	30.00
tuition, 7 pupils of No. 6, spring term .	45.50

Paid for tuition, 7 pupils of No. 6, fall term	$50.05
tuition, 7 pupils of No. 6, winter term	44.85
postage and stationery	1.88
express on books, etc.	3.66
brooms	1.75
dust-pans	.40
wash-basins	.60
drinking cups	.30
pails	.60
crayon	1.02
lead pencils	4.55
slate pencils	.30
pens	2.80
penholders	.75
block paper	4.07
ink	3.00
erasers	.30
practice paper	.35
drawing paper	.60
report cards and envelopes	3.25
enumeration of pupils	3.00
school order and receipt book	1.31
	$472.97

REPORT ON SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR REPAIRS.

Paid for shingles, lumber, nails, labor, etc., No. 9	$22.93
flag rope and hanging same, lock, and labor, No. 9	1.71
repairs, No. 8	4.50
mason, supplies, teaming, labor, etc., Nos. 2 and 4	8.13
posts and labor, No. 9	1.30
wall-paper, paint, oil, glass, labor, etc., No. 2	14.20

Paid for window and labor, Nos. 5 and 7	$1.90	
whitewashing, Nos. 2, 3, and 4; glass, nails, lumber, labor, etc., No. 1 . .	8.15	
glass, glazing, and door-knob, No. 7	1.65	
		$64.47
Balance unexpended February 15, 1899 . .		11.10
		$75.57

Cr.

Balance on hand February 15, 1898 .	$0.57	
Received of town treasurer, amount of appropriation	75.00	
		$75.57

SUMMARY.

Whole amount paid teachers . .	$1,863.60	
for fuel . . .	102.63	
paid for miscellaneous bills . . .	472.97	
paid for repairs . .	64.47	
Whole amount expended		$2,503.67
Balance on hand February 15, 1899 . . .		161.12
		$2,664.79

Cr.

Received balance on hand February 15, 1898	$167.36	
Received of town treasurer, whole amount	2,497.43	
		$2,664.79

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid for Language Primers . .	$2.69
Language Lessons . .	3.65
First Lessons in Number .	2.20

Paid for arithmetics (Brief Course) .	$3.80	
Complete arithmetics . .	3.75	
American histories . .	8.00	
First readers (New Franklin)	7.20	
Second readers (New Franklin)	1.80	
Complete geographies (Barnes's) . . .	12.00	
Elementary geographies (Barnes's) . . .	2.64	
spelling blanks . . .	3.31	
copy books	32.00	
3 United States maps (veneer case)	12.00	
spellers	1.92	
Fourth readers (Stickney's)	5.00	
dictionary	1.50	
slates	3.48	
		$106.94

Cr.

Received for books, etc., sold . .	$1.74	
town order	105.20	
		$106.94

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. MANNING,

Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the town treasurer, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

ALBERT L. FLINT,

Auditor.

BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY.

At the annual town meeting of 1898, Jasper P. George was re-elected a trustee of the library for a term of three years. August 1 the selectmen appointed Joseph S. Parkhurst a trustee of the library to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Jasper P. George.

The trustees have purchased during the year ninety-two volumes, and we have received donations for the reference department of six volumes as follows: History of Twelfth and Sixteenth New Hampshire Regiments, from the state; New Hampshire Men, and Semi-Centennial of Manchester, from Henry Chandler, Esq., of Manchester; Genealogy of the Dodge Family of Essex County, Mass., from Thomas H. Dodge, Esq., of Worcester, Mass.,—making in all upon our shelves or accounted for at the present time, seven hundred and thirty-six volumes in the circulating department, and sixty-one in the reference department.

Respectfully submitted.

EDDY W. STEVENS,
GEORGE F. BARNARD,
JOSEPH S. PARKHURST,
Trustees.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF TRUSTEES

For Year ending February 15, 1899.

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash on hand February 15, 1897	$0.19	
Appropriation for 1898 . . .	125.60	
Fines in library	5.10	
		$130.89

EXPENDITURES.

Temple & Farrington Co., books . .	$92.04	
Temple & Farrington Co., rebinding .	2.25	
Library supplies	2.20	
Jasper P. George, services as librarian .	10.50	
Mrs. Emma L. George, services as librarian	6.30	
Mrs. Laura Woodbury, services as librarian	17.50	
		$130.79
Balance on hand February 15, 1899 . .		$0.10

Respectfully submitted.

E. W. STEVENS,
Treasurer Trustees.

ADDITIONS IN 1898.

645	Tom Pickering of 'Scutney,	Swett
646	The Dull Miss Archinard,	Sedgwick
647	Penelope's Progress,	Wiggin
648	Folks from Dixie,	Dunbar
649	For Love of Country,	Brady
650	At the Sign of the Silver Crescent,	Prince
651	In the Days of Massasoit,	Butterworth
652	The Great Stone of Sardis,	Stockton
653	Afloat on the Ohio,	Goldthwaite
654	Like a Gallant Lady,	Cleary
655	The Peacemakers,	Winter
656	Navy Blue,	Allen
657	The Pilgrims in their Three Homes,	Griffis
658	The Coming People,	Dole
659	The Pride of the Mercers,	DeLeon

660	The Wound Dresser,	Whitman
661	Beleaguered,	Koerner
662	Seven Months a Prisoner,	Hadley
663	Caleb West, Master Diver,	Smith
664	The Continental Dragoon,	Stevens
665	On Plymouth Rock,	Drake
666	A Boy I Knew and Four Dogs,	Hutton
667	A Hero in Homespun,	Barton
668	Three Pretty Maids,	Blanchard
669	Mademoiselle De Berny,	Mackey
670	Adventures of Mr. Verdant Green,	Bede
671	An Unwilling Maid,	Lincoln
672	Victor Serenus,	Wood
673	The Young Puritans,	Smith
674	Farthest North,	Nansen
675	Founders of Massachusetts Bay Colony,	Smith
676	Bird Life,	Chapman
677	The Rise of the Dutch Republic,	Griffis
678	Forty-six Years in the Army,	Schofield
679	Memoirs of Gen. William T. Sherman, vol. 1.	
680	Memoirs of Gen. William T. herman, vol. 2.	
681	Old Virginia and Her Neighbors, vol. 1,	John Fiske
682	Old Virginia and Her Neighbors, vol. 2,	John Fiske
683	Historical Tales, American, 1,	Charles Morris
684	Historical Tales, French, 2,	Charles Morris
685	Historical Tales, Russian, 3,	Charles Morris
686	Historical Tales, Japan and China, 4,	Charles Morris
687	Historical Tales, Greek, 5,	Charles Morris
688	Historical Tales, Spanish, 6,	Charles Morris
689	Friendship,	Hugh Black, M. A.
690	American Ideals,	Theodore Roosevelt
691	The Secret of Achievement,	Orison Swett Marden
692	The Lost Word,	Henry Van Dyke
693	The Story of the Railroad,	Cy Warman
694	Adventures of Captain Kettle,	Cutcliffe Hyne
695	Through Armenia on Horseback,	George H. Hepworth

696	An American Cruiser in the East,	John D. Ford
697	Life of U. S. Grant,	Hamlin Garland
698	The Boys with Old Hickory,	Everett T. Tomlinson
699	Chilhowee Boys in Harness,	Sarah E. Morrison
700	The Master of the Strong Hearts,	Elbridge S. Brooks
701	The Big Front Door,	Mary F. Leonard
702	Miss Ludington's Sister,	Edward Bellamy
703	In the Brave Days of Old,	Ruth Hall
704	The Battle of the Strong,	Gilbert Parker
705	The Day of His Youth,	Alice Brown
706	A Creel of Irish Stories,	Jane Barlow
707	Bob, Son of Battle,	Alfred Ollivant
708	Under Dewey at Manila,	Edward Stratmeyer
709	David Haram,	Edward Noyes Wescott
710	Gloria Mundi,	Harold Frederic
711	A Fool of Nature,	Julian Hawthorne
712	The Adventures of François,	S. Weir Mitchell
713	The Day's Work,	Rudyard Kipling
714	Moran of The Lady Letty,	Frank Norris
715	A Lover of Truth,	Eliza Orne White
716	Domitia,	S. Baring Gould
717	The Desmond Hundred,	Jane G. Austin
718	A Hopeless Case,	Edgar Fawcett
719	The House at High Bridge,	Edgar Fawcett
720	Tinkling Cymbals,	Edgar Fawcett
721	An Ambitious Woman,	Edgar Fawcett
722	Olivia Delaplaine,	Edgar Fawcett
723	The Adventure of a Widow,	Edgar Fawcett
724	Young Maids and Old,	Clara Louise Burnham
725	The Wise Woman,	Clara Louise Burnham
726	A Sane Lunatic,	Clara Louise Burnham
727	The Mistress of Beech Knoll,	Clara Louise Burnham
728	Miss Baggs's Secretary,	Clara Louise Burnham
729	Miss Archer Archer,	Clara Louise Burnham
730	Dr. Latimer,	Clara Louise Burnham
731	Next Door,	Clara Louise Burnham

732	A Great Love,	Clara Louise Burnham
733	"No Gentleman,"	Clara Louise Burnham
734	Dearly Bought,	Clara Louise Burnham
735	Birds that Hunt and Are Hunted,	Neltye Blanchan
736	Red Rock,	Thomas Nelson Page

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

56 History of the Twelfth Regiment.
57 History of the Sixteenth Regiment.
58 Semi-Centennial of Manchester.
59 New Hampshire Men.
60 Genealogy of Dodge Family of Essex Co., Mass., 1629-1894, vol. 1.
61 Genealogy of Dodge Family of Essex Co., Mass., 1629-1894, vol. 2.

BEDFORD NEW CEMETERY.

At the annual town meeting of 1898 three trustees were chosen for the new cemetery, James R. Leach for a term of one year, Freeman R. French for a term of two years, and George F. Barnard for a term of three years. The town voted to raise one hundred dollars to improve and beautify the new cemetery.

The trustees of the new cemetery met March 18, 1898, and chose George F. Barnard secretary and treasurer.

RECEIVED FROM SELECTMEN.

April 22, 1898	$55.00
June 11, 1898	25.00
October 5, 1898	20.00
October 5, 1898 received Chandler fund	21.06
	$121.06

MONEY PAID OUT.

Paul Richard, labor	$10.50
Ephraim Fosher, labor	3.75
Quincy Barnard, labor	4.87
Charles P. Woodbury, labor	1.25
Edmund Fosher, labor	4.12
Martin Campbell, labor	4.00
Oliver Ceroy, labor	6.00
Irving Fosher, labor	.75
George F. Barnard, labor	27.00
F. A. French, tools and grass seed	5.35
One pair of pruning shears	1.25

W. W. Darrah, phosphate	$27.00
G. F. Barnard, manure for top-dressing . .	8.00
	$103.84
Balance in the treasury	17.22
	$121.06

LOTS SOLD IN THE NEW CEMETERY.

November 14, 1898, received of John Robinson, on Lot No. 132	$15.00
January 28, 1899, received of Susan S. Campbell, on Lot No. 151	14.00
January 30, 1899, received of James Cooper, on Lot No. 187	15.00
	$44.00
February 6, 1899, paid town treasurer . . .	$44.00

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES R. LEACH,
FREEMAN R. FRENCH,
GEORGE F. BARNARD,
Trustees.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BEDFORD

Date of birth.	Place of birth.	Name of the child (if any).	Sex and condition. Sex.	Living or still-born.	No. child, 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.	Age of father.*	Age of mother.	Name of father.
Jan. 15	Bedford.	Elli Ceroy	M	L	6th.	W	45	35	Oliver Ceroy
Mar. 4	"	Marie	F	"	9th.	"	39	34	J. Bte. Gamache
10	"	Mabel Ethyline Sargent	F	"	3d..	"	28	31	James W. Sargent
13	"		M	S	....	"	37	26	Stanislas Hebert
28	"	Urbin Francis La Touch	M	L	5th.	"	35	33	Charlie Franklin La Touch..
May 3	"		M	S	2d..	"	22	20	Edward W. Langley
11	"	Aggie Frances Brunett	F	L	1st.	"	18	19	Fred Brunett
25	"	Rynhardt Emanuel Poehlman.	M	S	11th	"	43	39	Frederick Emil Poehlman..
25	"		F	L	5th.	"	50	36	Dennis H. Morgan
June 21	"	Albert Joseph Sawyer	M	"	3d..	"	24	23	Albert Sawyer
July 24	"	Harold Ray Emerson	M	"	2nd.	"	31	32	Charles William Emerson...
26	"	Julia Gordon Lindsay	F	"	7th.	"	34	36	William Calvin Lindsay
Aug. 12	"		F	"	3d..	"	41	36	John H. Atwood
17	"	Flossie Maud Welch	F	"	8th.	"	47	38	John Welch
24	"	Howard Francis Shea	M	"	2d..	"	43	34	Michael H. Shea
Oct. 8	"	Henry E. Monte	M	"	5th.	"	35	32	William Monte
15	"	——— Clapp	F	"	1st..	"	25	28	Wilmont Clapp
17	"	Hazel Miner	F	"	1st..	"	30	22	Delbert R. Miner
24	"	Dean Harold Matott	M	"	1st..	"	27	28	Irvin J. D. Matott
Nov. 5	"		M	"	1st..	"	..	20	Elwin Schoolcraft

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1898.

Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents.	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.
Mary Blood	W	Bedford	Laborer	Coopersville, N. Y.	Laco, Canada.
Marie Beaudet	"	"	Farmer	P. Q., Canada	P. Q., Canada.
Emma A. Anderson	"	"	"	Goffstown	Marnel, Germany.
Louise Elie	"	"	Loom fixer.	Canada	Canada.
Hattie Small	"	"	Laborer	Manchester	Jaffrey.
L. Minerva Tarr	"	Manchester	Engineer	New Hampshire	New Hampshire.
Philanda Staie	"	Bedford	Farmer	Chazy, N. Y.	Chazy, N. Y.
Katie Annie Wiederhold	"	"	"	Germany	Germany.
Frances Owen	"	"	Laborer	Canada	Hanover.
Virginia Trembley	"	"	Farmer	Coopersville, N. Y.	Canada.
Nellie Jane Marsh	"	"	Laborer	Derry	Londonderry.
Martha B. McComhey	"	"	Clergyman.	Columbia, S. C.	Camp Piatt, W. Va.
Emma J. Parkhurst	"	"	Farmer	Dunbarton	Amherst.
Amy Ella Butterfield	"	"	Laborer	Candia	Bedford.
Anna Frances Drea	"	"	Clerk	Canada	Manchester.
Amanda Dupont	"	"	Painter	"	Canada.
Jennie R. Irving	"	"	Laborer	Manchester	Nova Scotia.
Clara Beard	"	"	Farmer	W. Shepherd, Can'a	W. Shepherd, Canada
Alice Skidmore	"	"		New York	Illinois.
Inez Grace Stewart	"	"			Manchester.

to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SILAS A. RIDDLE, *Town Clerk.*

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BED-

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.
June 1	Bedford.....	Joseph Taylor.....	Bedford.....	38	W	Physician ...	Harrisville...
		Flora E. Rowe	"	36	"	.....	Candia.....
Aug.21	North Weare.	John M. Sargent.....	"	24	"	Milk dealer..	Goffstown ...
		Hannah A. Chase	Deering	21	"	.....	Deering .....
Nov. 9	Manchester..	Fred G. Holbrook.....	Bedford.....	30	"	Lumb'r deal'r	Bedford .....
		Bessie I. Nichols.....	"	23	"	.....	" .....

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according

FORD FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1898.

Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	1st, 2d, or 3d marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Joseph Taylor	England		2d	Rev. Wm. C. Lindsay, Bedford.
Hannah Coy	Manchester, Eng			
Isaiah L. Lang	Candia	Farmer	2d	
Martha A. Ladd	"			
Thomas D. Sargent	Goffstown	Farmer	1st	Rev. W. S. Randall, North Weare.
Elizabeth D. Penney	"			
Dennis R. Chase	Deering		1st	
Mary A. Wilson	Weare			
Joseph G. Holbrook	Bedford	Farmer	1st	Rev. W. H. Morrison, Manchester.
Sarah E. Cram	Lyndeborough			
Benjamin W. Nichols	Bedford	Farmer	1st	
Mehitable Spaulding	St. David's, N. B			

to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SILAS A. RIDDLE, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BEDFORD

Date of death.		Name and surname of the deceased.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of birth.	Sex and condition. Sex.	Color.	S., M., or W.	Disease or cause of death.
Jan.	10	Martha J. McAllaster...	70	10	28	Bedford.....	F	W	W	Chronic nephritis .....
	20	Mary L. Jenkins	58	4	21	New Boston	"	"	M	Gangrene, heart disease..
	31	Ann J. Kinson	63	..	..	Haraford, Can....	"	"	W	Congestion of liver.....
Mar.	13	Wilson R. Blood.....	50	10	13	Merrimack	M	"	M	Typhoid fever.....
	15	Thomas F. Kendall	81	5	2	Dunstable	"	"	W	Old age, inanition .....
	29	Philip C. Scruton	49	2	1	.....	"	"	M	Epileptic fit .....
April	9	Linda Pearl Campbell...	..	2	4	Amherst	F	"	S	Scrofula arthrosis .....
May	25	Rhynhardt E. Poehlman	..	..		.....	..	....	....	Stillborn.....
June	2	Annie K. Poehlman	39	..	25	Germany	F	"	M	Puerperal fever.....
	25	Dennis Kerwin	..	..	..	Ireland.....	M	"	W	Inanition .....
Aug.	13	....	..	..	1	.....	F	....	....	Premature birth.....
Sept.	8	Marie Ester H. Gamache	..	..	10	Bedford	..	....	W	Cholera infantum.....
Oct.	9	Marie Garon.....	..	..	8	Manchester	F	"	....	" " .....
	10	Sarah J. Stinchfield.....	73	6	26	Raymond, Me	"	"	S	Bronchitis .....
Nov.	29	Leo Paul Richon.....	37	7	29	Boxton Falls, P.Q.	M	"	M	Acute miliary tuberculosis .....
Dec.	2	Mary Elizabeth Brown..	71	7	21	Highgate, Vt.....	F	"	W	Pneumonia.....
	2	Eliza Goffe Parker	91	1	17	Bedford	"	"	"	Old age and injury .....

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1898.

Occupation.	Place of birth.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
	Father.	Mother.		
Housewife ..	Bedford.....	Bedford	John Goffe.....	Jane Riddle.
"	Lyndeborough	Mont Vernon...	Alvord Jones	Lucinda Jenkins.
.....	.....	.....	——— McKinnon.....	Mary ———.
Farmer	Merrimack ...	New Boston....	Rufus Blood.....	Mary A. Wilson.
Blacksmith..	.....	.....	Nathan Kendall	Elizabeth Thompson.
Butcher	Farmington ..	.....	George W. Scruton.....	Miriam Currier.
.....	Bedford	Bedford	Martin Campbell.....	Susie E. Witherspoon.
.....	Germany	Germany	Fredic Emil Poehlman.	Annie Katherine Wiederhold.
Housewife ..	"	"	Coma Wiederhold.....	Elizabeth Mentel.
Ret.merch'nt	Ireland.....	Ireland.....	.....	....
....	Dunbarton ...	Amherst.....	John H. Atwood	Emma J. Parkhurst.
.....	.....	.....	J. B. Gamache.....	.....
.. ..	Canada.....	Canada.....	Edward Garon.....	Olevine Nien.
.....	.....	Ossipee.....	Stephen Stinchfield....	Betsey Welch.
Laborer	.....	.....	Alexander Richon	Julia Rodon.
Housewife ..	.....	.....	Eli Noble.....	Betsey Noturine.
.....	Bedford.....	Concord, Conn..	Theodore A. Goffe	Ann Gregg.

of my knowledge and belief.

SILAS A. RIDDLE, *Town Clerk.*

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